

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspection and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

Translation of 'Consigne de Navigabilité' ref. : 1998-287-059(A) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

EUROCOPTER

SA 316/319 helicopters

Tail rotor blades - Skin (ATA 64)

1. APPLICABILITY

SE 3160, SA 316B, SA 316C and SA 319B, helicopters equipped with tail rotor blades P/N:

- 3160S-34-10 000 all dash numbers
- 3160S-34-11 000 all dash numbers.

2. REASONS

This Airworthiness Directive is prompted subsequently to the discovery of the discovery of a crack in the skin of a blade lower surface, near to the attachment bolt on the blade cuff stem, on the leading edge side of a tail rotor blade, which can lead to the loss of the blade.

Revision 1 of this Airworthiness Directive takes into account the conversion of Service Telex No. 05.95 into Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 05.95.

3. COMPLIANCE

The actions stipulated in paragraph 4 were to be take a first time within the 10 flight hours following the effective date of the original telegraphic Airworthiness Directive, then every 10 flight hours.

These actions are still to be taken every 10 flight hours.

4. MANDATORY ACTIONS

4.1. On the lower and upper surfaces of blades P/Nos:

3160S-34-10000-10 and onwards,
3160S-34-11000 all dash numbers,

perform a visual crack check in compliance with the operational procedure defined in paragraph 2.B of the referenced ASB.

4.2. If a crack is found, remove the blade before next flight.

Reminder: Blades P/Nos. 3160S-34-10000-03 to 09 must be checked before each flight in compliance with Maintenance Manual chapter 5.1.

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